

† **Third Sunday in Lent** †  
**March 7, 2010**

**VERSE:** *[The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9b,c)*

**PRAYER:** *Lord God, help us not to abuse your patience toward us. Give to us a contrite heart of repentance and a new clean heart that loves your Word and your will, for Jesus' sake. AMEN*

**Jesus Calls You to Repentance** *“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).*

**GUESTS:** Please fill out the “guest information” card found at the entrance to the Sanctuary. One of our pastors will be happy to visit with you if you are searching for a church home.

**PLEASE NOTE** that our celebration of the Lord's Supper is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (the phrase “*in good standing*” means that one is not under church discipline) who agree with the doctrine and practice of our congregation. If you have questions about this practice please contact one of our pastors; they are eager and most willing to explain why we follow the ancient practice of “*closed communion*.”

Visitors from sister LCMS congregations with whom our pastors are not yet acquainted should announce to one of our pastors your desire to commune before joining us at the Lord's Table. Thank you.

Members should sign the registration form found in the Narthex. You may prepare by reading, “*Christian Questions*” for “*those who intend to go to the Sacrament*” (LSB pages 329-330)

**Those Serving Today**

**Preacher:** Pr. M.P. Johnson

**Liturgist:** Pr. S.C. Briel

**Sermon:** *Going Back Again and Again (Saint Luke 13:7)*

**Organist:** Ms. Tiffin Fuhrman

**Worship Assistants:** 8:00 AM: Dan Kolander  
10:30 AM: Dan Holthus

*Sunday, March 14 at 8 AM Greg Christopher and 10:30 AM John Radintz*

**Ushers**

8:00 AM: Dennis Schwecke, Nathan Mazurowski, Myron Cooper,  
Al Mazurowski

10:30 AM: Dan Holthus, Eric Sand, Ernest Underwood, Dan Picotte

**Acolytes**

8:00 AM: Sara Halfrich & Jessie Fuhrman

10:30 AM: Megan Bode & Amanda Brackeen

**Money Counters**

Mike McFerrin, Paul Radintz, Mike Rachow

**Attendance Last Week**

8:00 AM – CT: 201 CM: 172

10:30 AM – CT: 220 CM: 156

**FINANCIAL**

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| Offerings:                    | \$ 11,778.18        |
| Weekly budgeted amount needed | <u>\$ 13,212.00</u> |
| Over (Under)                  | (1,433.82)          |

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| Offering to date | 425,589.35        |
| Budget to date   | <u>462,420.00</u> |
| YTD Over(Under)  | \$ (36,830.65)    |

**EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...** Don't all religions lead to God? Isn't morality simply in the eye of the beholder? How can a good and all-powerful God allow evil? You'll find answers to these questions by listening to Issues, Etc. It's a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## † Announcements †

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS:** *no special feast days this week.*



**SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER:** At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "*every Sunday and on other festivals*" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 AM Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 AM Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

**PARENTS:** We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the Entrance area and in the Upper Room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

**REMEMBER THE SICK & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS:** *Fran Lopic, Lloyd Banaszak, Carl Kalk, Minnie Brockhaus, Irene & Fred Hunt; Mark Pruhs; Jerry & Katie Oswald, Amanda Brackeen.* Please remember those who are recovering from illness or surgery—at home. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Remember also our shut-ins in your daily prayers: *Jerry & Katie Oswald, Linda Bredenberg, June Schafbuch, Helen Reich, Sue Erickson, Elsbeth Scharfe, Steve Orbin, Amy Schalo.*

Finally, we remember all those serving in our Armed Forces—*Nancy Miller, Bryan Pruhs, and Drew & Rachel (Shropa) Ellis.*

**BAPTIZED TODAY** *Ezekiel Sailer Borcharding* is the infant son of Robert & Katie. May our gracious Savior Jesus keep Ezekiel safe in his heavenly Father's Kingdom until he joins all of us in welcoming Jesus on the Last Day, "*Blessed is He who came to me in my baptism and who comes now in the name of the Lord!*"

**CHOIR/BRASS:** We are on our Lenten practice schedule-brass before worship at 6pm, choir after worship at 7:45. Thanks your all your great music and dedication as we work toward Easter day.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS** to serve as the Sunday school superintendent. The new term would begin this coming fall. Please talk to Pastor Johnson or Gretchen Dolan if you have any questions about this role or would be interested in serving. Thank you.

**LENT MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS:** Set aside the next five Wednesday evenings for meditation and prayer. Our Lenten mid-week services will be at **7:00 PM** this year. Our theme will focus around the 5<sup>th</sup> chief part of Martin Luther's Small Catechism—Confession and Absolution. This week's theme: "*What Role Does My Pastor Play in My Confession?*"

**TIME CHANGE FOR PUBLIC CATECHESIS CLASS:** Throughout the Lenten season we will be starting half an hour earlier than usual. We will meet from 5:30-6:45 PM.

**SOUP/SANDWICH:** Delicious soups and sandwiches will be served each Wednesday in Lent. Serving time is from 5:15-6:45 PM. Chicken noodle, wild rice, and a soup of the week will be served each night. Take a break from cooking and come! This is a Washington, D.C. fundraiser.

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES** believes that when people see their work firsthand they will become excited to support the ministry they do in serving the physical and spiritual needs of people with developmental disabilities. *A two-day bus tour is being planned for Friday & Saturday, April 8-9. Participants will see the main campus in Watertown, WI and stop at various sites along the way.* Please see the bulletin board in the back of the church for more information or talk with Pr. Johnson (763-420-2426 ext. 12).

**COMING UP IN MARCH:** Workshops on Lutheran Liturgy for Lay-people will again be held at Glory of Christ Lutheran in Plymouth and led by Pr. Klemet Preus. The date is March 27 from 9 AM-3 PM. Please take time to attend this informative workshop! Register now at [www.gloryofchrist.org](http://www.gloryofchrist.org)

**WED. NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday night ladies, our next Bible study will be on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the youth room. We will be beginning an in-depth study of the book of Esther. All ladies of St. John's are welcome to join!!

**IT IS TIME FOR EMPTY BOWLS:** The event will be held at Osseo Senior High Thursday, March 25th from 3-7 PM. Students, local artists and community members have been making the soup bowls. The bowls can be chosen by giving a donation to CROSS food shelf. A simple meal of soup and bread is served and students will provide music throughout the evening. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the evening. Any questions email Pam Hanson Board President of CROSS

**WE HAVE AMAZING YOUTH!!** Ladies and gentlemen of St. John's, I would just like to take a moment and brag about our fantastic youth. This past weekend we traveled to Biwabik to enjoy a couple days of skiing and snowboarding. Our youth were wonderful! They showed up to our group meetings and meals on time, got along beautifully, and caused no problems whatsoever. It is such a blessing to be working with such mature and trustworthy young adults. Parents, thank YOU for raising such great people!! *Blessings, Deaconess Tori Anderson*

**JR. BANNER CLUB:** will be meeting from 10AM-12PM on Saturday, March 20. This is for all children in grades 3-5. Please join us as we will be making a beautiful Easter banner. If you have questions, please speak with Tori.

## YOUTH NEWS

### **DUE TODAY - SR. YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE EVENT FORMS**

**& \$\$:** Sr. youth, this summer we will be heading to Lutheran Island Camp (Henning, MN) to help build the very first Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center! We will be participating in the construction of observation decks, shelters, corrals and docks, clearing trails, developing scientific experiments, removing brush and trees, and also visiting some area nursing homes. Of course, while we are there we'll also participate in some regular camp activities like swimming, kayaking, campfires, etc. The date for this event is July 11-16, 2010. Please pick up a registration form on the youth bulletin board and return it no later than TODAY with your \$50 reg. fee. The cost of this event is \$265 plus the cost of transportation. Personal youth account funds can go toward this trip!! Please either give forms directly to Tori Anderson or leave them in her office mailbox!!!

### **CREATIONISM EXPERT TO SPEAK AT ST. JOHN'S:**

Jr. and sr. youth, Mr. Brian Young, a nationally known speaker, author, and founder and director of Creation Instruction Association will be speaking at St. John's on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you have ever wondered things like: What about carbon dating? Where did Cain get his wife? Did dinosaurs live with man? or What about cave men and the Bible? then this is the seminar for you. And, if you are planning to attend our summer service event to Henning, you REALLY need to attend!! This is going to be an awesome evening provided by a great speaker. Come out and learn what the text books don't teach! For more info about Brian Young, visit his website at [www.creationinstruction.org](http://www.creationinstruction.org). For more info about the seminar, speak with Tori.

### **EASTER BREAKFAST 2010:**

Jr. & Sr. youth members, please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. We will again be hosting the annual Easter breakfast, and we are going to need A LOT of help. Please plan to be in the kitchen on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am to help decorate and prepare some of the food. We will meet the next morning at 6:30am and will begin serving breakfast at 7am – 10am. PARENTS, please plan to help also. A sign-up sheet is located on the youth bulletin board, so parents and youth alike, PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU CAN HELP!!

**This Week At St. John's Lutheran**

**Today: NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEK**

8:00 AM: Divine Service with Lord's Supper  
9:30 AM: Bible Class/Sunday School  
10:30 AM: Divine Service with Lord's Supper  
MON: 8:00 AM Chapel  
1:15 PM: Staff Meeting  
6:30 PM: 4-H Meeting  
TUES: Pastors at Glory of Christ for Circuit Pastor Meeting  
**7:00 PM: Brian Young Creation Program**  
Sunday School Teacher Meeting  
WED: 5:15 PM: Soup/Sandwich  
5:30 PM: Public Catechesis  
6:00 PM: Brass Practice  
7:00 PM: Lent Service  
7:45 PM: Choir Practice  
Following the service Volleyball  
THUR: 9:30 AM: Adult Bible Class  
6:30 PM: Confession/Absolution  
7:00 PM: Deacon Meeting  
**Schmidt Band Festival at St. John's**  
FRI: NO SCHOOL TODAY!  
SAT:  
SUN: 8:00 AM: Divine Service with Lord's Supper  
9:30 AM: Bible Class/Sunday School  
10:30 AM: Divine Service with Lord's Supper  
7:00 PM: League Bowling at Medina Lanes

***"Lutheran Hour" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6 AM, WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 AM, and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 AM.***

**THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** is offered by appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name.

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